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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 26, 2001, kindly amend this application in the following aspects.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 9-29, without prejudice.

1. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a poly- or oligonucleotide selected from the group consisting of:
- (a) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide having at least about 80% sequence identity with amino acids 22 to 122 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
- (b) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide having at least about 80% sequence identity with amino acids 56 to 122 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
- (c) a polynucleotide encoding amino acids 22 to 275 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or a transmembrane domain deleted or inactivated variant thereof;
- (d) a polynucleotide hybridizing under stringent conditions with the complement of the coding region of SEQ ID NO: 2, and encoding a polypeptide having at